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**CHIEF JUSTICE THOMAS TO ADMINISTER OATH TO NEW
ATTORNEYS**

Illinois Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert R. Thomas will administer the attorney's oath to 68 new lawyers who will be admitted to practice in Illinois in Elgin on Thursday, May 4.

The group is among 776 men and women who were certified as candidates and will be sworn in as Illinois attorneys at ceremonies in the state's five Supreme Court judicial districts.

The Elgin program in the Second Judicial District will begin at 10 a.m. in the Hemmens Memorial Building Auditorium at the Elgin Civic Center Plaza located at 150 Dexter Court.

Chief Justice Thomas will preside over the ceremony and welcome the members of the class, their families and friends.

Joseph G. Bisceglia, second vice-president of the Illinois State Bar Association, will be the opening speaker.

Robert J. Britz, president-elect of the Kane County Bar Association, will make the motion to admit the class.

DuPage County Bar Association President Keith E. Roberts, Jr., will second the motion to admit the class.

A reception will follow.

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All of the candidates have passed the Illinois State Bar Examination and an ethics examination; and were certified by the Committee on Character and Fitness.

The new attorneys will bring the total number of licensed attorneys in Illinois to approximately 82,000.

Media coverage is invited.

The Second Judicial District consists of DuPage, Lake, McHenry, Kane, Kendall, DeKalb, Boone, Lee, Ogle, Winnebago, Stephenson, Carroll and Jo Daviess counties.

The ceremonies in the other districts will be held in Chicago, Collinsville, Springfield and Ottawa.

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